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To: House Committee on Ethics
Re: Request for Ethics Committee Opinion

Dear Chairwoman Negele, Vice-Chair Errington and Committee Members:

Per my earlier conversation with Reps Negele and Errington, I write to request an opinion from the Ethics Committee.

Last year, the company that I am employed by, Near North Title Group (fka Hamilton Title), was asked to do title insurance and closing services for Spectacle Entertainment's purchase of the casinos in Gary. At the time, I was not aware that Spectacle would be asking for legislation to move a license to Gary, etc. When I learned a few months later about the proposed legislative changes, I met with my CEO and requested that the Spectacle transaction not be included in my commission calculation in any way. I chose to forgo this rather than disenfranchise 65,000 voters by abstaining. I have no ownership interest in the company and will not personally benefit financially from the transaction.

Nevertheless, given some of the news stories over the past couple of days, I thought it would be in the best interest of the institution for me to request a formal opinion from the Ethics Committee.

Please let me know if this generates any questions.

Very Truly Yours,

Jerry Torr
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